

CAROLINA UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. ASKED TO PLAY HERE

Conditions Across the Line Same as in Virginia, and Alumni of Both Schools Anxious for Gridiron Contest Next Season—"Tar Heel" Writes Asking Good Offices of Times-Dispatch to Help Get Them Together.

BY GUS MALBERT.
Now that the University of Virginia and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute seem inclined to get together again and allow the football fans a chance to see the two teams in action against each other, there is general rejoicing among the thousands who have anxiously awaited the day when the colleges of the past would be forgiven and forgotten and these premier schools of Virginia be closer than ever, so far as athletic relations are concerned.

But North Carolina is facing the same problem. From one end of the state to the other the alumni of the university and of A. & M. are clamoring for renewal of athletic relations between these two schools. The conditions are practically the same as obtain in Virginia. For years the two institutions met season after season on the gridiron and fought out the annual war. Then came a time when the university felt aggrieved at something done by the Tar Heels. Athletic relations were severed, and from that day the two schools have had nothing to do with each other on the athletic field.

Here's a Real Letter.
It is now the desire of the alumni of both schools to see the ban lifted. The following letter from an alumnus of the University of North Carolina

tells its own story:
Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch,
Richmond, Va.:

I have written with pleasure the effort on your part to get the University of Virginia and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute together again on the football field, and I truly hope that your efforts will be successful. I think it no more than right that they should meet.

May I ask you to perform a like service for North Carolina? The University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College have been on the outs for several years. Regardless of the merits of the claims of both schools, it strikes me that the time has come for the abolishing of the old animosity to stop and for the two institutions to seriously consider the game next season. I trust that you will give this some publicity and that it will have the desired effect.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) "TARHEEL"

It always gives The Times-Dispatch pleasure to aid in such a cause. And it gives especial pleasure to the writer. I am fully conversant with the reason why the two schools have been severed. I also know that the action taken is at the time regarded as both right and just. And maybe it is—at the time. But after years have elapsed, after the personnel of the school has

entirely changed, when the men who were responsible for the breach are no longer at college, then comes the time for more mature consideration and for taking up the question in the light of the present.

All Guilty at Some Time.
There is not a man who has had college experience or who has followed college athletics but will admit that some few years ago mighty questionable methods were employed to secure athletes in the several departments of the school. This was true of the track team, of the baseball team and of the football team. But these methods have been done away with. Most of the schools in the United States, and certainly in Virginia and North Carolina, have put athletes upon much higher plane—have really made it an honor affair.

Under these new conditions it is manifestly unfair to hold against any school the actions of the past. Not a single institution but has skeletons in its closet. It wouldn't do to unveil these skeletons. So let's get together in a spirit of fairness, wipe off the slate and start all over again. This would be the fair and proper thing to do. The Times-Dispatch hereby invites the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College to play a football game in Richmond next season. Think it over and send us your opinion.

FIGHTERS TAKE CHANCE OF DEATH

Sport Is Like Football, Where No One Is Responsible for Killing.

Philadelphia, Pa., December 26.—"A prize fighter takes the same chance of death as a football player when he enters a contest," said Coroner Ford today, when he discharged John Kalme, a young pugilist from custody, and exonerated him from blame in the death of John Emhof, whose skull was fractured in a bout at the Nonpareil Athletic Club last Friday night.

"We don't hold a football team responsible for a death," said I. S. W. reason to hold a prize fighter," added the coroner.

The bout which ended fatally was between Emhof, who is better known as "Kid Gardner," and Kalme, known in the prize ring as "Johnny Kain."

In the fifth round, when both boys were apparently on even terms, Kalme struck Emhof a straight arm blow on the jaw. Emhof fell like a log, and his head struck the floor. He was carried from the ring to a hospital, where he died the next day.

A host of young fighters, within seconds, testified that the blow which Emhof received was not hard enough to floor a child.

LEROY TAYLOR
New York, December 26.—Hopes of breaking the world's record for balloon flight, which has stood for ten years, Leroy Taylor, a member of the New York Yacht, the Larchmont Yacht, Laubs and other clubs, will try to bring the trophy to America by a flight to start within the next few weeks, from Waco, Texas.

His associates will be Lee Stevens, perhaps the best known professional balloonist in America. The balloon, which is to be the largest spherical one ever made, is being put together in Stevens' shops in New York.

Waco was selected as the starting point after much consideration, in which the meteorological observations of the Weather Bureau figured largely. Favorable wind currents will give a balloon ascending there the longest possible flight in the general direction of New York.

Waco is sufficiently inland almost to obviate the danger of being blown out to sea. There are few mountain ranges to be passed, and these are of second importance, so far as size and effect upon winds are concerned. Again, Waco is within the zone of comparatively steady-blowing winds at certain seasons of the year. It is in

Whitman, of the Olympians, carried off the high score and the high total, with Cosby, of the Crystals, second. Had it not been for the supposed weaker players, the score would have been quite different. Following is the score in detail:

Olympians.				
	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Cook, captain.....	145	120	155	420
Dowling.....	151	121	144	416
Whitman.....	115	113	157	415
Grey.....	115	119	121	355
Beel.....	150	136	167	453
Crystals.				
	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Barley.....	154	115	155	424
Cosby, captain.....	229	119	154	502
Dillon.....	146	162	147	455
Barrow.....	126	165	136	427
Montague.....	150	159	150	459
Totals.				
	865	835	747	2,357

Umpire, Sutherland. Scorekeeper, Midget.

MANAGERS DESIRE STRONG PITCHERS

Effectiveness of Slabmen Has Shown a Gradual Increase.

New York, December 26.—A baseball statistician here has figured out that since 1870, when records were first kept, 4,000 batmen have faced major league pitchers, and only 450 of them have shown averages of .300 or more. Ever since the National League was organized in 1876, the effectiveness of the pitchers has gradually increased. In spite of rules passed to bring about more batting, nine balls originally entitled a hitter to a base, but the number was cut to six, then to four, while one year the strikes were increased from three to four. The records seem to show that in recent years the batting has decreased in strength, until last season the pitchers had a greater advantage than ever before. That the average manager believes that the success of his team depends chiefly upon the effectiveness of his pitchers is shown by the fact that twice the number of twirlers are carried nowadays than was the case in 1876. Then three or four first-class pitchers were sufficient, whereas nowadays a major league team is not considered well equipped unless it has eight or nine on the payroll.

VIC WILLIS BEGAN CAREER IN OLD VIRGINIA LEAGUE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 26.—Vic Willis, the pitcher just secured by Baltimore from St. Louis, began his remarkable career with the Lynchburg team in the old Virginia league, having been a member of the strong team here in 1896. Willis was discovered by Bill Smith, now managing Chattanooga, of the Southern Association, but who managed Lynchburg last season. In the Eastern League, Willis was sold by President Hough to the Boston Nationals for a nice sum, going from here about the close of the season here in 1896. Willis played here with Ollie Pickering and Dan McGann, who recently committed suicide in Louisville, Ky.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Staunton, Va., December 26.—The apple season in Augusta county has closed, and W. A. McComb, secretary of the Augusta County Fruit Growers' Association, has gotten actual figures of shipments from all railroad stations in the county, which give a total of 1,331 carloads for the whole county, aggregating 348,170 barrels, at an estimated value of \$600,000. This is far ahead of any other county in the State.

FLYERS WHO WILL TRY FOR NEW WORLD'S RECORD



ALDO STEVENS

The hope of getting one from the south-west that the flight has been timed for January.

The balloon will carry water and provisions for a month. This is considered essential, as long stretches of desert land must be passed over and the aeronauts may have to land where water and food are unobtainable.

The present record for length of flight is held by Count de Vaux, who, with St. Victor, rode from Vincennes, France, to Korostyehow, Russia, 1,193 miles, in October, 1906. They were not in the air long enough, however, to give them the endurance record. This is held by Clifford Harmon, who in October of last year, in a flight from St. Louis, remained aloft for 43 hours and 26 minutes, though he covered nowhere near the distance the Frenchman did. In October of this year Hawley and Post made their sensational flight from St. Louis. It will be remembered they were lost to the world for about a week; then their safe landing was reported from a Canadian backwoods. It was established that they had remained aloft for 45 hours and 56 minutes, and had covered 1,171 miles, both performances just short of world's records.

On an airline the distance from Waco to New York is approximately 1,500 miles, which could be highly favoring conditions could be covered readily in less than forty hours. This would mean traveling at an average speed of a little less than forty miles an hour. The balloon now being built is being developed along lines that it is hoped will result in its remaining aloft from sixty to seventy-two hours. The ordinary duration of a balloon's gas charge is about forty-eight hours.

Shafts From Sportland

By G. MALBERT

Talk of the eight-club circuit is gradually reaching the maximum stage. There is absolutely no reason to suggest any such plan, as it is a practical impossibility. The quicker the up-players are about this question the better they are off.

It is passing strange that the wise ones in the part of the State have not jumped to the fact that in the eight-club scheme they are furnishing not only the one best way to put them out of the game, but also taking the control which they now possess. Talk as much as we will about what the league will or will not do, the fact remains that absolutely nothing can be done without the consent of the up-state folk.

They hold the balance of power, and any move on their part to lessen this power seems to the outsider absolute folly.

Umpires will occupy the attention of the president for some days to come. They are necessary cogs, and in the words of a great sage and philosopher, "they shouldn't be no eviler than what they got to be."

The good roads slogan of the Richmond Automobile Club will meet with an answering chord from everybody in the State. Virginia-merchants, manufacturers, farmers and automobilists. The men at the meeting talk like they mean business.

The road from here to Gordonsville must be in good shape, and after that we can figure on the shorter route. New every-body work together to get the good roads convention, then after we have it let's every-body work to make it a grand success.

Regular bowling test this week. Few regulars.

A meeting of the advisory committee of the League of teams will be held in the city to select a manager. Don't look much like they were thinking of quitting up there. Many applications have been received, and the best man will be picked.

Move that the United States flag which flies over the ball park be painted green. Then it will harmonize with the grass diamond and also make Sunday feel at home.

They are going to have both a manager and an advisory manager on the Boston Doves, according to the latest. Fred Tenney will be the manager and Fred Lake, who has the club tied up with a contract, will be designated as associate manager. Here's hoping the two Freds get along together.

Just to show that he's always on the job, Ed Elbert was the first member of the Senators to sign a contract. They think a whole lot of the Kid up in Washington, and rightly so.

John P. Harris, the man who owned the Boston Nationals, until he sold his interests recently, has bought a block of stock in the Pittsburgh team, and will take active interest shortly. That's what the wire says, anyway.

Al Lingo, who has not shown as a promoter in attempting to get Johnson and McVey together in Paris. Let 'em get together, who cares? It won't be a fight, but then the Farmers might stand for it. Big bunch of money is \$2,000; important money, as Paul Benjamin used to say.

Connie Mack got a nice little gift from the stockholders of the Philadelphia team when he put his hands on a check for \$500. What would you rather be than the manager of the world's champions?

Rumor has it that Jesse Tenehill is trying to buy the Waterbury baseball team in the Connecticut League. Poor fellow, what he wants with it, but if he does want it, hope that he will be successful. Richmond won't feel like they are responsible for Jesse.

It looks as if the New Yorkers will not come to Richmond, but Bradley has not been so informed. Let's wait and see.

READY TO CHOOSE PLACE FOR BIG FOOTBALL GAME

Representatives of the Navy Receive Full Power to Act With Those From the Army

Annapolis, Md., December 26.—The time, place and other details of the annual Army-Navy football game will almost certainly be settled definitely in Philadelphia early in January, when the committees of both the Army and Navy athletic associations will meet. The representatives of the Navy athletic association, who are Commander W. H. G. Bullard and Lieutenant Commander Harris Lanning, have been given full power to act in the matter, and the latter, who is secretary of the asso-

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elation, said to-day that the representatives of the two bodies would probably remain in Philadelphia until every detail will be settled.

The Navy representatives prefer Franklin Field to any other location for the game, but will not make an agreement under the terms of the last three years. They will insist upon a larger number of tickets than \$300 allotted to their branch of the service. It is likely that the game will remain at Franklin Field, should the representatives of the University of Pennsylvania see their way clear to offer the Navy about 1,000 extra tickets. It is felt by the Navy people that this number will be needed to fill imperative demands next year.

The second choice of the Navy would be one of the baseball parks in Philadelphia. There is almost no chance that the game will go to either New York or Washington, owing to the distance from Annapolis and West Point respectively.

WELCH WINS FIGHT IN TENTH ON FOUL

Award by Referee Causes Rival Seconds to Come to Blows.

Cardiff, Wales, December 26.—Fredie Welch, the lightweight champion of England, won his fight with Jim Driscoll, the featherweight champion, in the tenth round on a foul.

The fight was a twenty-round match for a purse of \$12,500. A crowd of several thousand witnessed the go. The betting favored Welch. The contest came to an unexpected end, due to Driscoll butting his opponent under the chin with his head.

In the first round Driscoll had the advantage in points, but in the second Welch landed several hard blows, and in that and the next round his extra weight—ten pounds—began to tell. In the fourth he sent Driscoll to his knees.

Welch inflicted several damaging kidney punches in the seventh, but in the next round Driscoll got home a couple of hard, straight leads. Honors were even in the ninth round on points. It was seen in the tenth, however, that Driscoll was fast tiring. In one of the clinches he persistently butted his opponent, and the referee finally disqualified him.

The seconds jumped into the ring and promptly came to Driscoll's aid. Some blows were struck, and it was with difficulty that the police dragged the warring partisans apart. The winner of the fight took 60 per cent. of the receipts and the loser 40 per cent.

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JOHNSON DEFENDS LEAGUE UMPIRES

Question of Fitness Not One for Club Owners to Decide.

Chicago, December 26.—"When club owners of a baseball league decide to pass on the fitness or unfitness of the umpires, it is time for a change. An owner would stultify himself were he to dictate how the umpires should be handled, and I do not think there is a single owner in the American League at least, who would cheapen himself by interfering in either picking or retaining the umpires. That function belongs to the head of the league, and if he is not able to handle such matters, it is time for the owners to look for somebody else."

The above was the comment of President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, yesterday regarding the suggestion made by the National League magnates that a majority of club owners could, by a vote, dismiss any other umpire handlers on President Lench's staff.

"The American League owners are a unit in believing that the selection of umpires should be left to the head of the league," President Johnson continued, "and I would not work under any other arrangement. I believe, and I think the majority of fans are with me, when I say that baseball game much cleaner with the added authority of the umpires on the field, and the fact that they were backed up in their decisions at all times."

"If a club owner felt that he had legitimate complaint on the work of some umpire, he could appeal to the board of directors, but this has never been necessary with us. For the salvation of the game, the umpire must be backed up. If he is incompetent, it is up to the league executive to let him go, but it would mean chaos in baseball were owners to have the say as to what constitutes a good umpire. In the heat of the battle an owner or manager might think he was getting the worst of it, when on more mature reflection he might want to change his mind."

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Some Wheat and More Chaff From the Baseball Mill

BY GUS MALBERT.

Owner Bradley is the source of little news these days. He is sitting quietly in his boat, so to speak, and has turned over the future of the Richmond ball team to Jimmie Sullivan, "out" new manager. Something of a sigh of relief came from that of the manager yesterday when requested to furnish some more grist for the mill. "I have turned over everything to Sullivan," he said, "and I don't care to concern an unspoken 'thank goodness'."

"Sullivan is now the responsible head, and you can look to him," continued W. B. "I'll get the new men. I have furnished him with a list of the men we have received, and from among this number I have pointed out those it will be best to have with us again. But beyond that I am virtually, except in a sort of supervisory manner I will look over what he is doing."

Sullivan will come to Richmond whenever the demand for his presence becomes apparent. He may not arrive until March, and he may come much earlier. While it is true that there appears to be some hitch in the arrangements which will bring the New York American League team will train in Richmond, it is by no means definitely settled that the team will come to Richmond.

It is a matter of fact, the arrangements entered into between Owner Bradley and Irwin on the subject of the Highlanders, which would be perfectly agreeable. So far as Bradley is concerned no information has been received that the New York team will begin cutting turf. It will be a pleasant surprise to the fans when the softening

green spreads out before them. Nothing as vital to the eyes of the onlookers as a carpet of grass.

The umpire question, in addition to the affairs of the Norfolk organization, is occupying the attention of the baseball world. It is more than anxious to get three men who will please the fans; at the same time he doesn't want to get old timers. He wants some young men who have been tried and have shown ability. Probably no question in the mind of the league affairs is quite so vexatious as the question of umpires. If the man at the helm can weather the selection of umpires he is more than apt to be able to cope with any question which arises.

It is certain that the men who handled the indicators last year will not be back. While they were good men they got in wrong and were unpopular with the fans, a condition under which no man can work, regardless of his merit.

Few Old Men Back.
Richmond will miss the services of the old men back next season. Verboort, Baker, Dobson, and maybe Bunting, if proper arrangements can be made, will probably be the only old ones in uniform. The reason is the only one. The other men are too high-priced for the small salary limit, and Sullivan must pick youngsters who are willing to work for the smaller salary.

It is still the intention of Bradley and Williams to visit Norfolk next week and observe the situation with the men down there. A few more days will tell the story by whom it will be owned or controlled. If this is done it will be because the men down there are better than the men down here. The inclination is to throw the reins to the men down there, but it is not yet decided to break ranks. Because the game is marked hard by Lynchburg really wants baseball. It is going to have it. But wait just a few days longer and it will all be settled.

GUY FISHER WINS IN FURIOUS DRIVE

Comes Fast on Stretch and Gets Nose in Front in the Last Jump.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 26.—Guy Fisher, at 4 to 1, won the fourth and feature race of to-day's card at Monckleif, after a furious stretch drive. Jack Parker, the odds on favorite went into an early lead and looked like the winner in the stretch, but Guy Fisher came fast on the outside and just managed to get his nose in front in the last jump.

The attendance was good, despite the cold, disagreeable weather.

First race—Selling, \$400; two-year-olds, five furlongs—Fort Worth, 2 to 1, won; Monte Fox, 2 to 5, second; Oakley 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:01 3-5.

Second race—Selling, \$400; two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs—Ivabel even, won; Lampert, 7 to 1, second; Dentie, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:08 4-5.

Third race—Selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards—Galley Blake, 18 to 5, won; Mapleton, even, second; Ed. Kerk, 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:45.

Fourth race—Handicap, all ages, \$400; six furlongs—Guy Fisher, 4 to 1, won; Jack Parker, 1 to 4, second; Danger Mark, odd, third. Time, 1:13.

Fifth race—Selling, \$100; four-year-olds and up; six furlongs—Ida, 7 to 5, won; Al Red, 2 to 1, second; Dan Field, 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Sixth race—Selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth—Ardri, 2 to 1, won; Bill Top, 2 to 5, second; Flashing, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:19.

JOE LAUGHLIN TO MANAGEDANVILLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Danville, Va., December 26.—The local baseball association has received a letter from Gatchey Joe Laughlin, who is at present at his home in Woodstock, stating that he would accept the terms offered with regard to the management of the Danville team during 1911. Formal signing of the contracts will be completed in the next few days. The selection of Laughlin as manager for the 1911 season is a source of much pleasure to the local fans, with whom he is very popular.

Steve Grimm, who managed the Danville team the past season, is still the property of the local association,

REACH AGREEMENT ABOUT DRILL HALL

Blues Ready for Scheduled Games and Will Also Hold Track Meet.

Sergeant E. W. Gates, Jr., chairman of the athletic committee of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, is authority for the statement that the basketball schedule of the militiamen will be carried out as originally planned, and that practice will be resumed within a few days.

The differences between the military organization and the Building Inspector have all been settled and it now remains for the military athletes to comply with the order of the city official before the games can legally be played. Proper wire guards will be placed around the lights and over the windows of the drill hall of the armory. Estimates for the work have been asked of the leading manufacturers and bids are expected in a few days.

Just as soon as the bids are received the contract will be awarded and the work rushed to completion. The schedule originally mapped out for the Blues' basketball team embraces games with the best teams